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January 27, 2020

Angie Glancy

Irmo, SC 29063

Dear Angie Glancy,

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Sincerely, Becky Latimer

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Name #

Mailing Address \*

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E-mail

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2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

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3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*



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#### Latimer, Becky

From:

Latimer, Becky

Sent:

Subject:

Monday, January 27, 2020 10:40 AM

To:

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Dear Ehren Foley,

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I am a customer of Blue Granite, who has proposed a massive rate hike for all of their consumers.

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Blue Granite has proposed to raise rates to \$101 from the already very high rate of \$65. Right now, my sewer bills are two times higher than my water bills most months. When I was on county sewer, my sewer rates were roughly the same amount as my water (so if I paid \$35 in water, my sewer bill would be \$35). Now, when I pay \$35 my sewer bill will be three times higher, at \$101! How is that possible? Moreover, I have no choice in provider. I am stuck paying Blue Granite whatever they demand so long as I want to flush my toilet. This is what happens when monopoly power is granted to a private corporation who is most interested in paying shareholders rather than serving customers. Public utilities are a public trust. Lexington County has betrayed that trust by turning over those services to a private company. Now, that company is coming to reap the rewards and squeeze customers. It is an absolute travesty. Make the public utilities public again. Or at least do your duty and prevent the monopolies you have created from running rampant.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*

I will not be able to appear at the public meeting on 1/27/20 because I have to work at that time.

Signature Required: